

**SPONSOR'S APPLICATION
FOR CERTIFICATION OF INITIATIVE PETITION**

I/We the undersigned, qualified voters(s) of the State of Alaska, hereby sponsor and make this application to the Lieutenant Governor of the State of Alaska requesting that the following bill be certified for the Initiative process.

For an Act entitled: "An Act to increase Alaska's minimum wage to \$6.50 per hour effective January 1, 2001, \$6.75 per hour effective January 1, 2002 and thereafter, adjusted annually for inflation".

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

Section 1. Findings and Declaration

The people of the State of Alaska find and declare that:

- (a) An increase in Alaska's minimum wage will help ensure a minimum standard of living for the health and well being of every Alaskan,
- (b) Alaskans working full-time at the current minimum wage earn far below the federal poverty level for a family of three,
- (c) The U.S. West Coast states of Washington, Oregon and California already have a higher minimum wage than the State of Alaska,
- (d) A fair minimum wage indexed to the cost of living will help low-income workers keep pace with inflation.

Section 2. Purpose

The purpose and intent of enacting this legislation is to raise Alaska's minimum wage to \$6.50 per hour effective January 1, 2001, \$6.75 per hour effective January 1, 2002 and thereafter adjusted annually for inflation".

Section 3. Sec. 23.10.065 (a) Minimum Wages. (a) is amended by adding a new subsection. Except as otherwise provided for in law, an Employer shall pay to each employee a minimum wage, as established herein, for hours worked in a pay period whether the work is measured by time, piece, commission or otherwise. An employer may not apply tips or gratuities bestowed upon employees as a credit toward payment of the minimum hourly wage required by this section. Tip credit as defined by the Fair Labor Standards Act as amended does not apply to the minimum wage established by this section. Beginning with the passage of this Act, the minimum wage shall be \$6.50 per hour effective January 1, 2001, \$6.75 per hour effective January 1, 2002 and thereafter adjusted annually for inflation. The adjustment shall be calculated each September 30, for the proceeding January – December calendar year, by the Alaska Department of Labor, using the CPI- Anchorage. Such adjustment shall take effect January 1 of the following year.